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A.—(*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) With a view to working out a scheme of agricultural development, Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti applied for 100 acres of land in Murukondapad village, Bapatla taluk, Guntur district. He has been informed that the lands cannot be assigned.

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti also applied to the Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, for the grant of about 100 acres in Lammasingi Mutta, Gudem Agency, for coffee planting. This application was rejected. It is understood that he has since applied to the Agent for another plot of land. The present stage of this later application is not known.

The Government have no information as to the value of the land applied for in Guntur and Vizagapatam districts.

(*e*) There is no rule of the nature suggested by the hon. Member.

(*f*) No.

Stopping the assignment of certain waste lands in Bellary district.

* 150 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is now the rule that there should be no assignment of waste lands of the Bellary district likely to be irrigated under the Tungabhadra or Boravani-Tippa projects if and when executed and, if so, when this rule was introduced and why ; and

(*b*) whether, prior to the above change, assignment of such waste lands was permitted subject to certain conditions prescribed with reference to the possible execution of the projects, and if so, what those conditions are ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) There is no such project as the Boravani-Tippa project.

As regards the Tungabhadra project, the investigation of this project in a modified form has recently been taken up by the Government. The Government have accordingly now issued a notification to the effect that the sale of land in the Bellary district and certain other districts which are affected or are likely to be affected by the project should be subject to the following conditions :—

(i) that Government may resume the land at their pleasure at any time until the original assignment has been declared absolute by them,

(ii) that in the event of such resumption, the purchase money or such share of it as is proportionate to the area resumed will be repaid, and

(iii) that Government will not be liable to pay compensation for any permanent improvements which may have been effected on the land before such resumption.

It will thus be seen that under the notification the position is that which is described in the first part of clause (*b*) of the question. It is true that there is some confusion in the terms of the Board's Standing Order which governs this matter and the question of revising the Standing Order is under the consideration of the Government.